

Case CM1758M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
BUSCH, Alfred et al
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/09481
Filed in the RO/US on 30 April 1999
Entitled: Laundry Detergent And/Or Fabric Care
Compositions Comprising A Modified Cellulase

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NEALPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- * Please cancel Claims 4 thru 17.

Please add the following new claims:

18. A modified enzyme according to claim 1 further comprising a linking region between the catalytically active amino acid sequence of a cellulolytic enzyme EGI and the amino acid sequence comprising a cellulose binding domain.
19. A modified enzyme according to claim 18 wherein the linking region is a amino acid linking region.
20. A modified enzyme according to claim 18 wherein the linking region is a non-amino acid linking region.
21. A modified enzyme according to claim 20 wherein the linking region is a polymer selected from PEG(NPC)2, (NH2)2-PEG, t-BOC-NH-PEG-NH2, MAL-PEG-NHS, VS-PEG-NHS polymers and/or mixtures thereof.
22. A laundry detergent and/or fabric care composition comprising a laundry detergent and/or fabric care ingredient and a modified enzyme according to claim 1.